

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114c)
U.S. APP. NO. 09/140,752

REMARKS

Claims 23-121 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 69-121 have been withdrawn.

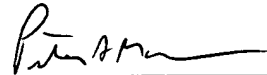
Claims 23-68 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim 67 is amended to correct an informality.

Applicants are presently preparing a response to the outstanding rejection and expect to file the response soon. A Request for Suspension of Action (for three (3) months), RCE and Petition for Extension of Time are concurrently filed herewith.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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